

**REMARKS**

The Assignee respectfully requests entry of the above preliminary claim amendments.  
The Assignee respectfully submits that the amended claims are in condition for allowance.

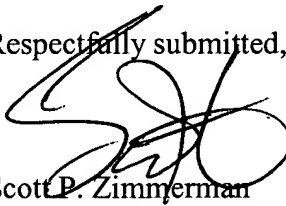
**Extra Claim Fee**

The Assignee also includes a check for \$156. The total number of claims is now twenty four (24), requiring an excess claim fee of \$72 ( $4 \times \$18 = \$72$ ). The total number of independent claims is four (4), so a fee of \$86 is also required. Thus, the total excess claim fee is \$156.

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If any questions arise, the Office is requested to contact the undersigned at (919) 387-6907 or [scott@scottzimmerman.com](mailto:scott@scottzimmerman.com).

Respectfully submitted,



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